

Community Matters

December 4, 2022

Join us Sunday, December 4 at 10:00 for “The No-Order-of-Service Service”!

This Sunday, we’re going to try something different! I will lead a service without a formal Order of Service. Yes, many of the elements that you’re used to will still happen. But it will all happen in a bit of a different way. Please join us and join in the worshipful experiment! The service will be “multiplatform”, both in-person and live-streaming. We are grateful to our Video Production team for the important ministry of making our services available in real time online. For those of you joining us virtually, there will be two ways this week to watch the live stream.

You can watch directly on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/live>.

You can also join us on Zoom and have more opportunity for community and interaction.

You can find that link here: <https://www.fculittle.org/members-and-friends-zoom-link/>

Joy, grace, experimentation, learning, community, fun and more will be ours this Sunday.

In faith,

Lara

Rev. Lara

Thea’s R.E. News



Thank you, Reverend Jackie and Martha for helping the RE group make Holiday cards. This week we will be making more cards and maybe a few other things for the holiday season.

We will also discuss Chalica, a UU winter holiday.

What is Chalica?

It is an invitation to spend a day with each of the

CHALICA HOME CALENDAR

<https://ccuu.org/celebrating-chalica/>

Principles, reflecting on their meaning and doing a good deed focused on each one. For instance, the Chalica website suggests that since it starts on a Monday, Monday is all about the First Principle—worth and dignity—it would be a good time to make an apology or forgive someone. And tomorrow—justice, equity, and compassion—could be marked by working at a food pantry, etc. while Sunday—the interdependent web—would be a good day to make a compost pile or rescue an animal.

This is not a well known holiday. But I offer it as a way

for each of us to remember our Principles and the importance of living them.

I look forward to see you and your children this Sunday.

As always, if you have something you would like to share with RE, a story, a craft or art project, a writing project, an exciting adventure or you just want to come downstairs. Please let me know. Being with our RE group is spiritual fulfilling experience.

In peace and love, *Thea*

Women's Alliance Jams and Crafts @The Littleton Holiday Bazaar

Did you miss out on jams at our Country Fair in October? Fear not, the jammers and crafters of the Women's Alliance have been hard at work making more jam and pickles and lots of handmade holiday crafts. New this year are mustard and three different cranberry items. Old favorites include three kinds of Blueberry jam, and Blush Champagne Jelly with Raspberries and Cranberries.

Craft items include elegant greeting cards: catnip mats and dog treat bags for your favorite furry friends; Christmas napkins, table



runners and candle mats for your table; jam and wine gift bags and gift card holders. For stocking stuffers or hostess gifts we have wassail spices, and new this year spice packets for butter or cream cheese (4 flavors) and popcorn flavorings (2 flavors).

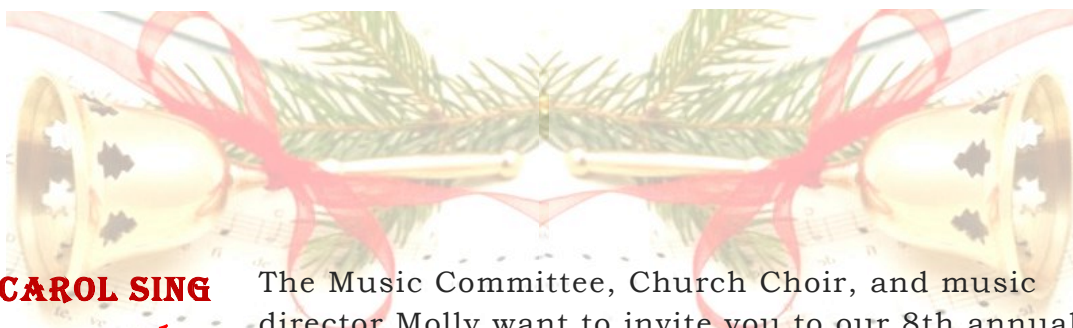
Lots of old favorites too;

soup bowl and peeper cozies, tea bag totes, cotton crochet washcloths, snuggle sacks and hand warmers and so much more!

Stop by our booth at the Holiday Bazaar at the Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell Street on December 3 from 9AM to 3PM to wrap up your holiday shopping.

If you can't make it to the Holiday Bazaar, we will be selling in the Vestry from 9:15 to 10AM and 11AM to 12PM on two Sundays, December 4 and December 11 for last minute shopping!

Thanks, Rochelle



CAROL SING
SUNDAY
12/18
11:45AM-2:30PM

The Music Committee, Church Choir, and music director Molly want to invite you to our 8th annual Carol Sing! We will be offering coffee, tea, and snacks in the Vestry following the service on Sunday, December 18. At 11:45 we will gather in the sanctuary to sing carols and be merry together!

Holiday Happenings

- 6 St Nicholas Day
- 7 National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance
- 18 to 26 Hanukkah
- 21 Winter Solstice
24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 26 to 1 Kwanzaa
- 26 Boxing Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

LOAVES & FISHES DROP OFFS



FCU is now collecting food donations for Loaves and Fishes. Please bring any donations of non-perishable food items into the church and leave them in the vestry (street entryway). Bill Duston will collect them and bring them to Loaves and Fishes to help them feed the hungry this holiday season.

Book and a Bite

This year, seniors staff can recommend something based on your interests! Call to sign up #978-540-2470. Thank you EHS/COA and the Reuben Hoar Library & Friends of the LC

This year, seniors may request a book and a volunteer from the Library will home deliver it to you. Don't have a specific book in mind? The Library

Bach Free Lunch Series

THURSDAY 12/8th at 11am & 1:30pm

Violin & Piano Duo- 20th Century Classics, with LiMei Liang, violin & Chi-Wei Lo, playing piano

For online reservations 978-486-9524 or visit grotonhill.org/bachs-lunch.

Groton Hill Music Center,
122 Old Ayer Road, Groton

Holiday Staff Gift Collection

This holiday season, we will again be collecting money for our annual holiday gift to our wonderful staff at FCU. Please consider giving whatever you can for this annual tradition to show our appreciation for our minister, music director, sexton and office administrator. We will be collecting money during December with a deadline of Sunday December 18th.

Please provide your donations of cash or check to Bill Duston either at church on Sunday or you can mail it to him at 15 Chance St., Devens MA 01434.

Checks should be made out to Bill Duston and not to FCU. He is also available for electronic transfers via Venmo bill.duston@gmail.com.

This holiday gift will be our way of saying "Thank You" to our staff at FCU.

-For the Deacons, Bill Duston

ARTS PLAYSHOP: HOLIDAY INSPIRATIONS

Saturday, 12/17 from 11 am—1 pm

The next arts playshop will focus on holiday Inspirations and feeling states about Christmas and the New Year. Have an assortment of papers, cards, drawing or painting tools handy for collaging or image-making. You could also play

with making fanciful paper or cardboard ornaments. Come have fun!

Please email Arts Playshop leader Niela Miller nielam@comcast.net for the ZOOM link.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg – “I Dissent”



Actor Sheryl Faye joins us to give a live historical performance that is both entertaining and educational! This performance will help audiences truly understand the profound impact Ruth Bader Ginsburg made in history.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in 2020.

She was the second woman and the first Jewish woman ever appointed to the Court and became the longest serving Jewish Justice. Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s life was one of achievement: as a lawyer, professor of law, a judge, and then a Supreme Court justice, she stood out because she was not afraid to dissent, disapprove, and disagree with conditions of unfairness and inequality. 978.540.2470 to Register.

“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” ~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

CUUPs Monthly Meeting: YULE!

December 18, 2022 7pm [CUUPS.ORG](https://www.cuups.org)

We take an "online field trip" to [Wyoming Valley CUUPs](#) to celebrate the Winter Solstice at their online ritual. [ZOOM LINK](#)

Yule, the Winter Solstice, falls on the shortest day and longest night of the year. Pagans welcome the rebirth of the Sun with dancing, music and festivities. Yule is a celebration of the season, an opportunity to manifest new desires and to support each other in difficult times.



Pagan & Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism Book Groups

Many thanks to the curriculum writing team and test facilitators who guided us through the first round of testing at our online book group over the Spring and Summer term!

It's time for the second round of testing for this emerging resource.

[Take a sneak peek at this developing curriculum.](#)

We are seeking CUUPs chapters who would like to host this book group from their home congregation in person or online and test it out. Then when finished, email us feedback on how it went and how we can improve.

Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism is available at [the UUA Bookstore](#) or set Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Inc as your charity to buy via [Amazon Smile.](#)

For more info or to sign up as a testing chapter please email info@cuups.org